

UpFront

By Elizabeth Couch

You're Invited to the Inauguration of the Next SBM President

The 2020–2021 State Bar of Michigan officers, including President Rob Buchanan, will be sworn in during a ceremony unlike any other in SBM history. The virtual event, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. on September 17, will be streamed live at youtube.com/statebarofmichigan and facebook.com/mistatebar. ■

50-Year Honoree Golden Celebration to Be Held Virtually

Every year, the State Bar of Michigan recognizes attorneys who have reached the remarkable milestone of 50 years of membership. Given the pandemic, this year's celebration will look a bit different, but the achievement is just as notable as ever. Instead of the traditional in-person event, the 2020 honorees will be celebrated in a special online presentation debuting in October. In addition to keeping everyone involved safe, this format makes the event much more accessible to family members, friends, colleagues, and other State Bar members. Watch for more details in next month's *Michigan Bar Journal*. ■

Farewell to Our Editor

By John R. Runyan, Chair, Michigan Bar Journal Standing Committee



Whatever organizations you are involved in, all of you know people who labor tirelessly behind the scenes, without much recognition, to make the organization work. With respect to the *Michigan Bar Journal*, our "unsung hero" is our editor, Linda Novak.

A native of Fenton, Michigan, Linda graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts in English, with an emphasis on creative writing. While a student, she won the university's prestigious Hopwood Award for poetry.

Linda began working at the State Bar of Michigan in 2003. She joined the *Michigan Bar Journal* staff in 2005, serving as managing editor under then-editor Nancy Brown. Two years later, she took over the reins as editor and has excelled in that capacity, overseeing the publication of 183 issues of the *Bar Journal*. During her tenure, the *Bar Journal* earned a Luminary Award in the "Excellence in Regular Publications" category from the National Association of Bar Executives. Unfortunately, this issue will be her last, as Linda leaves to pursue other opportunities.

Linda and her husband Paul, a Detroit lawyer, are the proud parents of three grown daughters. Please join me in thanking Linda for her 17 years of service to the State Bar of Michigan and particularly, for her excellent work as editor of the *Bar Journal*. We wish her and her family well. ■

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